(b) As per information provided by Mumbai International Airport Limited (MIAL), no passenger had died of heart attack on 31.3.2006 at Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai.

(c) Yes, Sir, on the receipt of information it is the duty of Airports Authority/ Airport Operator to ensure that patients receive timely medical attention.

Setting up of private airports

146. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow private players to set up new airports;

(b) if so, the details indicating name of the airports and name of the private operators;

(c) whether Government are aware that some industrial houses have airports at their industrial estates, and

(d) how Government will encourage these companies to open these airport facilities to the civilians as well so that new facilities can be created in the country without his Ministry having to spend anything?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) At present, new airports are being promoted by the concerned State Governments on Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis through Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV). M/s Hyderabad International Airport Limited and M/s Bangalore International Airport Limited have been allowed to set up international airports at Shamshabad near Hyderabad and at Devanhalli near Bangalore respectively.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The extant policy on Airport Infrastructure encourages such ventures.

Development of commercially unviable airports

147. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be
pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering, on the recommendations of the Naresh Chandra Committee, to impose an additional cess on air travel to fund development of commercially unviable airports and routes; and